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Quarantine Rules Again

The Sierra steamer passengers who complain over quarantine regulations as applied to them have reason on their side, as far as the rules are concerned. Their criticism of the local facilities and of the doctors in charge are another matter. But anyone with common sense can see the needlessness and absurdity of the trouble and expense taken. If this plague is so terrible an infection why didn't someone get it from the victim who travelled with them for seven days? After being cooped up in a steamer for days with a plague patient, all seem to be all right. Passengers who had contact with him are quite healthy. Another peculiar fact is that the doctors constantly disagree about what cases really are plague. The highest medical authorities in the State of California wrangled for months over whether it was genuine plague that San Francisco had, and they don't agree yet. When we had the disease here,—as is supposed,—there were always doctors ready to say it wasn't plague at all. So it is in the case of the Sierra victim. The steamer doctor, who had been with him for days, said it wasn't plague.

Dangers Overlooked

There is a whole change in world politics in the riots in Vancouver, which may be said to be due in large part to the Honolulu enterprise of sending Japanese from here to British Columbia. The incidents are an emphatic warning to Japan of the ultimate failure of her British alliance, and they align the British with America on the immigration difficulties. The riots are only what have nearly taken place in other parts of the British empire, for Australia is loudly protesting. They are not necessarily due to race prejudice, though that may follow the original cause, which is an economic one,—the Japanese and Chinese work and live too cheaply, and the white workingman, seeing his chances of making a living being ruined, will riot and fight rather than submit, no matter what treaties governments may make, or how much the authorities may cry for peace and order.

The great wisdom and foresight shown by the Tokio government in its handling of the Russian problem is utterly lacking in its management of the question of immigration. It would not have required a very far-seeing statesman to see in advance that allowing Japanese laborers to swarm into any Anglo-Saxon country would lead to trouble. It has led to events which, while not causes for war, have done infinite harm in arousing antagonism among the body of the population of both America and Japan. Now comes friction with Great Britain. Doubtless if it is found to be proper to do so, Canada will pay and apologize. But that won't mend the real difficulty and won't leave the people of Canada in a good humor, nor restore Japanese confidence in their friendliness.

Japan had no need to allow her laborers to force themselves upon these communities where they are economic misfits. She has all undeveloped Korea in which to expand and has a free and dominating hand in the vast stretches of Manchuria. The Hawaiian Islands have been more than left open to her, for in them her laborers have been gladly welcomed. The Tokio government exercises a control over its subjects' departures. It would have been the part of wisdom to see that no such conditions developed as are now attracting the world's attention. For years Japan might have gone on quietly developing in the Far East, with the strongest friendship of America and Great Britain, even though she did shut out the white man from business privileges where her flag flies. But now, the two nations which could not say and do enough to show friendship but a few years ago, are both concerned over keeping the peace with her. And still steamers are leaving Japan loaded with Japanese who want to smuggle themselves over American borders, while Japan refuses to negotiate an immigration treaty. This is folly that may cost the world dear.

Divorces Easy Here

The Anglican Church Chronicle refers in very vigorous terms to local increase in divorce cases, describing thirty cases in one court in a month as "simply appalling." The record is a heavy one and it must be admitted that at times Honolulu runs a pretty close second to some of the Mainland cities where divorce-made easy is a subject of much serious discussion. Our courts are usually very obliging in the matter, and do much to smooth the way of those who wish release from matrimonial bonds, probably with the result of encouraging to a certain extent the divorce business, for the difficulties and publicity attached to divorce are penalties which usually discourage it. In some of our divorce cases the records are quite peculiar. For example a marriage was recently reported from another island of a youth who has two divorces to his credit within a couple of years. That, as the slang-users would have it, is "going some." Other similar cases might be mentioned here. In many of the States such conduct would be impossible and in some persons who are divorced under some circumstances are absolutely forbidden to marry again. It is not at all unlikely that before many years the United States will get the national divorce law for which some people have fought so long. President Roosevelt has declared for it, and its need is shown almost every day. Such a law will apply here of course, and will sweep aside our local statutes. It is safe to predict that it will permit the rapid and easy divorcing and marrying which now prevail.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.
 Pessimists are seldom as tired of the world as the world is of them.
 Give a starving sinner a square meal first and pray for him afterward.
 Some men would rather be thought rich than be considered rich in thought.
 If you could see the story of your life in print you wouldn't believe half of it.
 A reputation for wisdom may be ac-

Tales Worth Telling

THE GAME OF GOLF.

A reporter, tired and warm, complained to Walter Egan, on the Euclid links, in Cleveland that he thought golf stupid.

"You find golf stupid, eh?"
 With a mighty drive the noted Chicago golfer sent the small ball flying a tremendous distance toward the little far-away red flag. Then, as he strode on over the fresh turf, he said:
 "You only find golf stupid because you don't understand it. You haven't mastered it. You remind me of a certain Hottentot."

"Two white men in Africa laid out for themselves a nine-hole course, and here in the wilds, morning after morning, they played, though the sun was hot, and though the dry and sandy soil left them almost continually in the bunkers."

"Well, a Hottentot watched the two white men golfing for several days. Silent and absorbed he followed them indefatigably over the yellow course. Then he disappeared."

"Where had he gone? The white men, missing him, laughingly made search. They found him at last far out in the desert."

"The naked Hottentot stood alone in the burning desert, whacking away at a large stone with a great war club, and shouting fiercely:
 "Hang it! Hang it!"

THE LIMIT.

"Why," said E. H. Harriman, at a dinner in New York, "things have come to such a pass that soon the man who is successful and rich will be looked upon with as much mistrust as the lawyer of the tale."

"This lawyer said to his wife on his return home one night:

"People seem very suspicious of me. You know old Jones? Well, I did some work for him last month, and when he asked me for the bill this morning I told him out of friendship that I wouldn't charge him anything. He thanked me cordially, but said he'd like a receipt."

President Manuel Amador of Panama was reviewing the wonders of Coney Island.

"A remarkable place," he said to a reporter. "It impresses me tremendously. I shall never forget it."

Sipping his well-iced lemonade, President Amador laughed and said:

"Speaking of being impressed tremendously, I am reminded of a joke they are telling about a Cuban millionaire."

"An unfortunate man obtained access to this millionaire and depicted his wretched poverty in the most vivid and moving colors. Indeed, so graphic was the visitor's sad narrative that the millionaire was very profoundly affected, and summoning his servant, he said with tears in his eyes and a voice trembling with emotion:
 "John, put this poor fellow out into the street. He is breaking my heart."

THE WRONG SPIRIT.

"The late Sir William Henry Perkin, the inventor of coal tar dyes," said a Philadelphia chemist, "had a singularly lucid mind. I once heard him talking about the missionary movement."

"Sir William had been for years a warm supporter of this movement, and he praised it highly; but he condemned certain phases of it, illustrating the phase he meant by a quotation from a letter—a letter written by the notable Captain Davis to Secretary Walsingham about the conversion of the Indians."

"The letter ran:

"If these people (the Indians) were once brought over to the Christian faith they might soon be brought to relish a more civilized kind of life, and be thereby induced to consume greater quantities of our coarser woolen manufactures."

THESE THEORISTS.

Senator Platt seated on the porch of his hotel at Manhattan Beach condemned certain new trends in politics. "Theories, theories," he said, with a wave of his hand, "Theories and theories—they are apt to err, very apt to err."

Looking out at the white beach and the sunlit blue sea, he shook his head and chuckled.

"Theorists go mad," he said, "over their theories. You know the theory that Bull wrote 'God Save the Queen'? William Chappell and Joshua Malwood were the most ardent supporters of this theory, but one day they found an inconvenient entry in a rare old Tudor manuscript that threw the gravest doubt upon their claim."

"In this case what did they do? They clubbed together, bought the manuscript, and burned it with great secrecy solemnly ejaculating:

"Thank goodness, we have now got rid of that objection to our theory."

quired by applauding the opinions of your neighbors.
 After a girl wins a prize for speaking in school she continues to talk forever after.
 When a man's wife goes away for a month's visit the chances are that he enjoys it as much as she does.—Chicago News.

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